

is impracticable to furnish rations in kind they may be commuted at not to exceed the rate of two dollar per man per day for such period.

Sec. 6. It is hereby agreed and understood that this is a separate and distinct act passed at this time to cover a period of such time as the Governor of this State may deem necessary not to exceed three years from the taking effect of this Act, and that it is cumulative of an Act passed by the Twenty-seventh Legislature providing for the organization of the Ranger Home Guard, and does not in any wise repeal said act passed by the Twenty-seventh Legislature except as to Section 3 of said Act relative to pay, rations and forage of officers and privates of the present Ranger Home Guard, and in that respect it is amendatory of said section providing for the payment of the salaries, rations and forage of said officers, and all officers and privates, of the present Ranger Home Guard are hereby from and after the taking effect of this Act placed on the same salaries, rations and forage as provided for in this Act, and in other respect this Act is cumulative of the present law governing the Ranger Home Guard in this State.

Sec. 7. The sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) or so much as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the salaries, expenses or other necessary things incidental to the organization of said force, as herein provided.

Sec. 8. The fact that this government, of which this State is a part, is now engaged in a war with the Imperial German Government, and the further fact that we have something like eight hundred miles of border to be protected, and that the citizenship of this State and the property of said citizenship should be protected during the period of said war from any foreign foe or maurader or invader, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and it is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Wednesday, May 16, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Sulter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Clark.	King.
Dayton.	Page.
Hudspeth.	Parr.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Johnston of Harris.

Message from the Governor.

The Chair here laid before the Senate the following message from the Governor received here today:

Governor's Office,
Austin, Texas, May 15, 1917.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Called Session.

At the request of Senator Carlos Bee, I hereby submit for your consideration a bill, hereto attached, being an Act to authorize and empower the Asa Walker County Line Common School District, No. 15, in Collin, Grayson and Fannin Counties, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. E. FERGUSON,
Governor of Texas.

Committee Reports.

See Appendix.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Westbrook:

S. B. No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the Asa Walker County Line Common School District, No. 15, in Collin, Grayson and Fannin Counties, Texas, to vote bonds, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

House Bill No. 85.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading:

H. B. No. 85, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 52 of the General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, so as to provide for holding four terms of court in Taylor County, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Page.
Floyd.	Smith.
Harley.	Strickland.
Henderson.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson of Hall.	Woodward.

Absent.

Bee.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	Parr.
Clark.	Robbins.
Gibson.	

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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House Bill No. 7.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 7, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Gorman Independent School District in Eastland

County, Texas, including the territory of the Gorman Independent School District as heretofore constituted and other territory adjacent thereto, providing a board of trustees therefor, vesting said independent school district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers and privileges and duties conferred upon independent school districts incorporated under the General Laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of the present Gorman Independent School District shall continue to act as such until their successors are elected and qualified, in accordance with the General Laws of Texas, validating outstanding indebtedness and transferring same from the Gorman Independent School District to the Gorman Independent School District as hereby created and established, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, the bill was postponed indefinitely.

House Bill No. 94.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 94, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Smyrna Common School District No. 43 of Milam County, Texas; providing a board of trustees therefor; providing that said common school district and the board of trustees thereof shall have and enjoy all the rights, powers, privileges and duties imposed and conferred by the General Statutes of Texas upon common school districts in this State, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator McCollum, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 94 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Henderson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hudspeth.
Clark.	Johnson of Hall.
Floyd.	Johnston of Harris.
Gibson.	King.
Harley.	Lattimore.

McCollum. Suiter.
Page. Westbrook.
Parr. Woodward.
Strickland.

Absent.

Bee. Decherd.
Caldwell. McNealus.
Dayton. Robbins.
Dean. Smith.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice. Hall.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Johnson of Hall, was passed finally.

House Bill No. 95.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 95, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Milano Independent School District in Milam County, Texas; placing said independent school district under the general statutes governing school districts incorporated for school purposes only under the General Laws of Texas; providing a board of trustees therefor; providing that outstanding indebtedness of Milano Common School District No. 44 of Milam County, including bonds, shall not be invalidated by this Act, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Johnson of Hall, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 95 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Balley. Johnson of Hall.
Bee. Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell. King.
Buchanan of Scurry. Lattimore.
Caldwell. McCollum.
Clark. McNealus.
Dayton. Page.
Floyd. Smith.
Gibson. Suiter.
Henderson. Woodward.
Hudspeth.

Absent.

Dean. Harley.
Decherd. Hopkins.

Parr. Strickland.
Robbins. Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice. Hall.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Johnson of Hall, was passed finally.

Bills Signed.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Hobby) gave notice of signing and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

H. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Hemphill Independent School District No. 1 in Sabine County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Cedar Bayou Independent School District in the Counties of Harris and Chambers, State of Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an Act passed at the Regular session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act granting unto the municipal authorities of the City of Austin, Texas, the right to establish, operate and maintain a public municipal auditorium upon the tract of land bounded on the north by Fifth Street, on the south by Fourth Street, on the East by Guadalupe Street, and on the West by San Antonio Street, in the City of Austin, and changing the designation upon the map of the City of Austin of said tract from public square to public municipal auditorium, so as to grant to the City of Austin for ninety-nine years the said land for a municipal auditorium and market, to hereafter read as follows, and declaring an emergency.'"

H. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriations for deficiencies in appropriations heretofore made for the support of the State Government for the fiscal years ending August 31, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915 and 1916, to cover duly authorized deficiency claims registered in the office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas,

in accordance with law, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 15, Title 48 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas by adding thereto Article 1815c, to provide for the incorporation of the whole or any part of independent or common school districts into independent school districts constituted by an incorporated city or town, and providing for the assumption by such incorporated city or town of the whole or any part of the bonded indebtedness of such independent or common school district, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 18, A bill to be entitled "An Act to abolish the Cross Roads Independent School District, created under the general laws of the State of Texas, and to incorporate the Slocum Independent School District, consisting of the territory comprising the Cross Roads Independent School District, with all the powers, rights and privileges of independent school districts; providing that the board of trustees of the said Cross Roads Independent School District shall, for the term of office to which they were elected or appointed, continue to serve as trustees of the district incorporated, and that the taxes heretofore authorized to be levied by a vote of the people in the said Cross Roads Independent School District may continue to be levied and collected in the district herein incorporated, vesting the title of property in said district, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Kenedy Independent School District in Karnes County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging and establishing the Dayton Independent School District in Liberty County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 20, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate certain sums of money out of the general funds of the State, not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal years beginning September 1, 1917, and September 1, 1918, to be used for the purpose of the inspection and eradication of citrus canker and other dangerous diseases and pests now threatening the destruction of the citrus industry

in this State, and in order to secure a like appropriation from the Federal government for the same purpose."

H. B. No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Governor of the State of Texas to make sale of lands mentioned and execute a deed conveying to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows' Widows and Orphans Home an undivided one-half interest in and to a certain two acres of land, being a part of the lands now used and occupied by the State Orphan Home, such lands so conveyed to be for the joint use and occupancy of the said Independent Order of Odd Fellows' Widows and Orphans Home and State Orphan Home for the sinking thereon of a deep water well and a water supply for the two institutions, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 57, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate purchases of school land made on condition of settlement and residence in cases where the purchasers have failed to file affidavits of settlement within the time required by the law, and to validate and provide for the issuance of certificates of occupancy in cases where the purchasers shall reside on their lands for the period of time required by law, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 90, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the relief of railway corporations having charters granted or amended since the first day of January, 1892, and which have failed or are about to fail to construct their roads or branches or any part thereof within the time required by law, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5890, Chapter 3, Title 91, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas pertaining to the unlawful disposition of property, illegal wearing of uniform and the discrimination against any person lawfully wearing the uniform of the army, navy, marine corps or revenue cutter service of the United States, or of the National Guard or naval service of this State, or otherwise in the military or naval service of the United States or of this State, as prescribed for such person at that time or place by law, regulation of the service or custom on account of his wearing such uniform or of his being in such service, and prescribing

ing a penalty therefor, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 21, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14 of the Special Road Law for Houston County, passed by the regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, approved March 8, 1917, so as to make the county road superintendent provided for in said Act ex officio chairman of the board of advisers of all special or bonded road districts in said county that are now organized and such as may hereafter be organized, and to give him an equal vote in said board with any member thereof, and to add Section 14a so as to provide for the election of the members of said boards by the qualified voters of said special road districts, the first election to be held at the time of election of said county superintendent, viz., on July 21, 1917, said board to consist of four members, the first of the same to serve until the next general election for county officers in said county, and then said board to be elected at each general election thereafter, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 35, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Dalton Common School District No. 82 of Ellis County, with less than nine square miles of territory, and providing for the government of said district, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 33 of the Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, by repealing Sections 5 and 11 thereof and adding thereto seven new sections, said chapter being originally An Act to create a more efficient road system for Bosque County, in this State, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 15, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make appropriations to cover authorized deficiencies for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1916, and to cover deficiencies for a portion of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 62, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Blooming Grove Independent School District in Navarro County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 69, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide an annual va-

cation to paid firemen in cities of 30,000 inhabitants or over, providing that the city official having supervision of the fire department shall designate the days each fireman is to be on vacation, prescribing the penalties for the violation thereof; repealing Chapter 185 of the Acts of the regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature; and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 43, A bill to be entitled "An Act adding to and making a part of the Regan Independent School District in Falls County, Texas, including the town of Regan, certain lands and territory thereto, and declaring an emergency."

H. C. R. No. 5, Relating to the expenditure of \$750,000.00 for national defense.

Messages from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, president of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize an extension of the contracts made with various book companies by the State of Texas to furnish school books for the public schools and which contracts terminate under the terms of the same on August 31, 1919, for a period of one year from that date; providing for said extension to be made by the board of Education of the State of Texas on or before June 1, 1918; providing that the Attorney General shall examine and approve the contracts and bonds entered into by the companies as to their legality and binding effect; providing that each and every company which agrees to and enters into contract, for a period of one year, shall execute a good and sufficient bond in the same terms and upon the same conditions as the bonds heretofore made to the State guaranteeing the performance of said contract, and creating an emergency" with amendments.

S. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate out of the general revenue, not heretofore appropriated, the sum of \$1,925.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray

the expenses of the Employers' Liability Act by the Industrial Accident Board in carrying out the provisions of that act as amended by Senate Bill No. 237, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, such expenses to be for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

The following conferees have been appointed on part of the House on House Bill No. 53: Messrs. Terrell, McFarland, Hardy, Low of Washington, Boner.

Adopted the Free Conference Committee Report on House Bill No. 1.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives.

Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 25, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6086, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, Chapter 1, Title 100, entitled 'Board of Pardon Advisers.'"

Concurs in the Senate Amendment to House Bill No. 27.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Post Session Clerical Work.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Rules, in order to provide for the printing of the Senate Journal of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and to provide for officers and employes to close up post-session clerical work, beg to report as follows:

1. That 250 volumes of the Senate Journal of the First Called Session, when completed, shall be printed and shall be bound in full law sheep, and that one volume when thus bound shall be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each member of the Senate and to each Representative, and the remainder shall be retained by the Secretary of State. The printing of

such Senate Journals in permanent form shall be done in accordance with the provisions of this resolution under the supervision of the Journal Clerk of the Senate within sixty days after the last copy shall have been furnished to the contractor. And it is further provided that it shall be the duty of the Journal Clerk of the Senate not to receive or receipt for said Senate Journals until correctly published as required herein and by pre-existing law.

When said Journals have been published and the account approved by the State Printing Board, the same shall be paid for out of the contingent expense funds of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature that is available; provided, that the chairman of the Committee on Contingent Expenses shall not issue voucher for said amount until the Journal Clerk has certified to him that the Journal has been published and delivered in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

2. We recommend that the Journal Clerk, T. H. Yarbrough, be retained thirty days after adjournment, and that he be allowed for his services \$7.50 per day, and that he be instructed to prepare and deliver to the public printer the Journal of the Senate, together with a complete and comprehensive index to same, and to deliver to the Secretary of State all documents, bills, etc., and Journals by law required to be delivered to him by the Secretary of the Senate.

3. That W. E. Conn, the Calendar Clerk, be instructed to check up, index and arrange such bills, books, resolutions and other documents as may remain in his possession and deliver same to the Secretary of the Senate.

4. We recommend that the Sergeant-at-Arms, M. F. Hornbuckle, be instructed to immediately prepare a complete and itemized duplicate inventory of all property of the Senate, including all furniture and property in the Lieutenant Governor's room and the reception room, with marks of identification entered on the invoice; such inventory to show the condition and probable value of such property, and that each copy of each inventory to be approved by the President of the Senate and to be delivered by the Sergeant-at-Arms to the Senate at the next Special or Reg-

ular Session of the Legislature as soon as said Sergeant-at-Arms has been qualified; and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be allowed an assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Jim Kenney, and four porters, to wit, Willie Carpenter, Andrew Murphy, Erwin Hacher and Buck Green, for three days time after the adjournment of the Legislature. The Sergeant-at-Arms and assistant Sergeant-at-Arms to receive five dollars per day and porters to receive two dollars per day.

5. We recommend that the En-grossing Clerk and the Enrolling Clerk each be required to deliver to the Secretary of the Senate all books and documents belonging to the Senate in their possession at the adjournment of the Legislature.

6. We recommend that the Secretary of the Senate, John D. McCall, be retained five days and be instructed to complete the duties as Secretary and in completing the record of the Executive Sessions, and deliver all records and documents to the Journal Clerk as is required of him, and shall be paid the sum of \$7.50 per day.

7. That the Postmistress, Mrs. Clyde D. Smith, be requested to make out a list of the Senators and employees of the Senate, with their respective post office addresses, and furnish the same to the postmaster at Austin, with the request that he forward their mail to their respective addresses after adjournment, and that she be paid for five days' time at \$5.00 per day.

8. That Miss Allye Smith be retained as stenographer for one day at \$5.00 per day.

9. That the expenditures under this resolution may be paid out of the contingent or per diem funds of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature; that \$100.00, or as much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated out of such contingent expense funds to pay postage or express charges on journals sent out.

10. We recommend that the Enrolling Clerk be instructed to deliver to the Secretary of State, copies of all bills which have been enrolled by him during the session.

Respectfully submitted,
KING, Chairman.
LATTIMORE.
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On motion of Senator Lattimore, the foregoing report was adopted.

House Bill No. 97.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 97, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an act passed by the Second Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved September 26, 1914, being 'An Act to provide a system of State bonded warehouses,' and the same is hereby amended to read as follows, and any part or parts of the said act, approved September 26, 1914, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Gibson, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 97 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bee.	King.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Page.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Henderson.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Sulter.
Johnson of Hall.	Woodward.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent.

Balley.	Harley.
Caldwell.	Hopkins.
Clark.	Strickland.
Dean.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Gibson, was passed finally.

House Bill No. 91.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 91, A bill to be entitled

"An Act enlarging and establishing the Cleveland Independent School District, Cleveland, Liberty County, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public schools within said district; investing said district with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of an independent school district; providing for the assumption and refunding by the Cleveland Independent School District, Cleveland, Liberty County, Texas, herein defined and established of all indebtedness, bonded and otherwise, of the Cleveland Independent School District, Cleveland, Liberty County, Texas, heretofore created and existing, validating such indebtedness and repealing any and all laws insofar as they conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator King, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 91 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McCollum.
Dayton.	Page.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Robbins.
Harley.	Smith.
Henderson.	Strickland.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson of Hall.	Woodward.

Absent.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Dean.	Westbrook.
Decherd.	

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator King, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Buchanan of Bell.
Bee.	Buchanan of Scurry.

Clark.	McCollum.
Floyd.	McNealus.
Gibson.	Page.
Harley.	Parr.
Henderson.	Robbins.
Johnson of Hall.	Smith.
Johnston of Harris.	Strickland.
King.	Suiter.
Lattimore.	Woodward.

Absent.

Caldwell.	Hopkins.
Dayton.	Hudspeth.
Dean.	Westbrook.
Decherd.	

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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Senate Bill No. 16—House Amendments Concurred in.

Senator Johnston of Harris called up for consideration of House amendments to

S. B. No. 16, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for a State textbook commission."

The following House amendments were laid before the Senate read and adopted:

(1) Amend Senate Bill No. 16, Section 1, page 2, line 1, by inserting after the figures "1918" the following words: "and biennially thereafter not later than the first day of August."

(2) Amend Senate Bill No. 16, Section 3, page 3, line 19, after the word "chairman," by striking out the following words: "and it shall adopt such rules and regulations for the transaction of its business as it may deem proper," and substituting therefor the following: "for the purpose of considering and extending contracts, the making of new adoptions, and the keeping and operation of a complete system of uniform textbooks for the public free schools of this State in accordance with the provisions of this Act."

(3) Amend Senate Bill No. 16, page 5, section 5, line 14, by adding after the word "adopt," the words, "or approved."

(4) Amend Senate Bill No. 16, page 5, Section 5, line 15, by substituting a semicolon for the period after the last word in the section and adding the following words:

"and the commission shall prescribe rules under which all textbooks adopted or approved shall be introduced or used by or in the public free schools of this State."

(5) Amend Senate Bill No. 16, Section 5, page 4, line 28, by elimination of comma between the words "history" and "English" and substitute therefor the word "of."

Also amend line 29 by elimination of comma between the words "history" and "American" and substituting therefor the word "of."

(6) Amend Senate Bill No. 16, Section 5, page 4, by adding after the word "books," in line 34, the following words: "and of drawing books."

(7) Amend Senate Bill No. 16, page 13, line 40, by adding after the word "Instruction" the following: "and Texas State Textbook Commission."

(8) Amend the bill, page 2, line 2, by inserting after the word "teachers" in line 2 the words "five of whom shall be women."

(9) Amend Senate Bill No. 16, page 14, lines 33, 34 and 35, by striking out all after the word "commission" in line 33 down to and including the word "thereafter," in line 35, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "and the sum of two thousand dollars."

House Bill No. 50.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Fort Stockton Independent School District at Fort Stockton, in Pecos County, Texas."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Lattimore, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 59 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21

Bee.	Floyd.
Buchanan of Bell.	Gibson.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Harley.
Clark.	Henderson.

Johnson of Hall.	Parr.
Johnston of Harris.	Robbins.
King.	Smith.
Lattimore.	Strickland.
McCollum.	Sulter.
McNealus.	Woodward.
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Absent.

Balley.	Decherd.
Caldwell.	Hopkins.
Dayton.	Hudspeth.
Dean.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Lattimore, was passed finally.

House Bill No. 51.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 51, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 60, General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its Regular Session, etc., the changes being in substance corrective in their nature, except that Section 25 added thereto provides in substance that any person desiring to use or administer hog cholera virus or tuberculin or anthrax vaccine must first procure a permit from the Live Stock Sanitary Commission and make reports thereof to the Commission; creating offenses for violations of this section and prescribing the punishment therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 51 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Balley.	Floyd.
Bee.	Gibson.
Buchanan of Bell.	Harley.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Henderson.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Dayton.	Johnson of Hall.

Johnston of Harris. Parr.
King. Robbins.
Lattimore. Smith.
McCollum. Strickland.
McNealus. Suiter.
Page. Woodward.

Absent.

Caldwell. Hopkins.
Dean. Westbrook.
Decherd.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice. Hall.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, was passed finally.

House Bill No. 46.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and fix the salaries of certain officers of the State Government of the State of Texas, their assistants, deputies, clerks and other employes, providing for the necessary traveling and other expenses incurred by such officers, assistants, deputies, clerks, and other employes in the discharge of their duties, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report carrying the adoption of committee amendments (see committee report for amendments) and that the bill be not printed was adopted.

Senator Dayton offered the following amendment:

(1) Amend House Bill No. 46 by striking out on page 2, section 2, the following words: "The Commissioner of Agriculture shall receive an annual salary of \$3000.00," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The Commissioner of Agriculture shall receive an annual salary of \$4000.00."

Dayton, McNealus, Woodward, Smith, Westbrook, Gibson, Parr, Caldwell, McCollum, Johnston of Harris, Harley, King.

On motion of Senator Johnson of Hall, House Bill No. 46 was set as a special order for 3:00 o'clock p. m. today.

Recess.

At 12:05 o'clock p. m. on motion of Senator Lattimore, the Senate recessed until 2:30 o'clock today.

After Recess.

(Afternoon Session.)

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Hobby.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 51, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 83, of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of Texas to create a more efficient road system for Nolan County, Texas, and making county commissioners ex officio road commissioners of their respective precincts, and prescribing their powers and duties as such and providing for the compensation of such road commissioners and providing for the purchase of material for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges, and providing for the compensation for such material, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 35, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners court of any county in Texas, at any time while a state of war exists between the United States and another nation or nations, to confirm the appointment by the sheriff of said county of such deputy sheriffs as are deemed necessary by the court, and to make provision for compensation of all deputies so confirmed, in all instances where revenues from fees of said sheriff's office are deemed by the court insufficient for such purpose, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Annona Independent School District in Red River County, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district to be known as 'Stratford Independent School District,' and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7, Chapter 6, of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, 1915, as amended by an act passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, 1917, and entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wood County,' etc., providing a salary to be paid commissioners when acting as road commissioners, and further providing that this act shall be cumulative of the general laws and special road laws of Wood County, and especially of the other provisions of said act passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 62, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Fannin County, Texas, making county commissioners ex officio road commissioners and providing for their compensation and defining their powers and duties; providing for working hands on public roads who fail to pay road tax as provided for; providing for working roads by contract if court so determines, providing for county road superintendent at the discretion of the commissioners court, etc.; repealing all special laws heretofore granted to Fannin County in conflict with the provisions of this act; granting to Fannin County further powers for the construction, supervision, protection, working, maintenance and care of the public roads of said county, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Robertson County, Texas, making county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners; prescribing their powers and duties, fixing their compensation as such; providing for the appointment of road overseers, prescribing their duties, and fixing their compensation, providing for the working of county convicts on the public roads and highways of said county, and providing for the pay-

ment of fees and rewards for the recapture of escaped convicts, etc."

Does not concur in Senate amendments to House Bill No. 78 and requests a Free Conference Committee be appointed. The following have been appointed on part of the House: Messrs. Sentell, Clark, Sholars, Parks and Reeves.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER.

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 78—Free Conference Committee Elected.

Senator Lattimore made the following motion in writing:

I move that the Senate grant the request of the House for a Free Conference on House Bill No. 78 being the Miscellaneous Bill and recommend that the following members be elected to serve on said committee:

Hudspeth, Caldwell, Bee, Parr, King.

LATTIMORE.

The motion was read and adopted carrying the election of the committee named.

Bills Signed.

The Chair, (Lieutenant Governor Hobby) gave notice of signing and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

H. B. No. 88, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish Common School District No. 9 in Dickens County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 23, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Granger Independent School District in the County of Williamson, State of Texas, etc., and providing for an emergency."

H. B. No. 25, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Crockett Independent School District in Houston County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

House Bill No. 17.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make certain emergency appropriations out of the general rev-

venue for the several institutions for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917 and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report with amendments and that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 17 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Bailey.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Henderson.	Strickland.
Hopkins.	Suiter.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.
Johnson of Hall.	

Absent.

Bee.	Harley.
Gibson.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Hudspeth, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Henderson.	Strickland.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson of Hall.	Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.	Woodward.
King.	

Absent.

Bailey.	Decherd.
Bee.	Harley.
Dayton.	Hopkins.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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Senate Bill No. 76.

(By unanimous consent.)

On motion of Senator Westbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 76 put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.

Absent.

Bee.	Page.
Clark.	Parr.
Harley.	Robbins.
Hudspeth.	

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the Asa Walker County Line Common School District, No. 15, in Collin, Grayson and Fannin Counties, Texas, to vote bonds, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Westbrook, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 76 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Buchanan of Scurry.
Buchanan of Bell.	Caldwell.

Dayton.	King.
Dean.	Lattimore.
Floyd.	McCollum.
Gibson.	McNealus.
Henderson.	Smith.
Hopkins.	Strickland.
Hudspeth.	Suiter.
Johnson of Hall.	Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent.

Bee.	Page.
Clark.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Harley.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Westbrook, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Dayton.	McNealus.
Dean.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Henderson.	Suiter.
Hopkins.	Westbrook.
Johnson of Hall.	

Absent.

Bee.	Hudspeth.
Clark.	Page.
Decherd.	Parr.
Harley.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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House Bill No. 89.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 89, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of House Bill No. 525, enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at the Regular Session, creating the Nixon Independent School District, revising the metes and bounds of said district."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Bailey, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 89 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Clark.	McCollum.
Decherd.	Page.
Henderson.	Parr.
Hudspeth.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Bailey, was passed finally.

Senator Bailey moved to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 89 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am instructed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2939, Chapter 4, Title 49, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, and to regulate elections; and prescribing certain qualifications of voters thereat, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 68, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act to authorize and empower Robertson County, or any political subdivision of said county, by vote of

two-thirds majority of the resident property taxpayers, qualified voters of said county, or political subdivision thereof, voting thereon, to issue bonds to any amount, not exceeding one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of such county, or of such political subdivision of such county, etc."

S. B. No. 61, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7305 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, as amended by Chapter 114, Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, relating to the inspection of hides and animals, so as to include among the counties exempted from the provisions of Articles 7256 to 7304, inclusive, the Counties of Ector and Martin," with amendments.

S. B. No. 75, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of an Act to provide a special road law for Denton County, Texas; to abolish overseer system in Denton County, and making road hands subject to road service anywhere in the commissioner's precinct in which they reside, but not exceeding five miles from their place of residence, and exempting those residing inside of an incorporated town or city, and providing for the amount of time to be allowed road hands for their teams, and providing for the payment of three dollars (\$3.00) in lieu of road service, and providing penalty for not working road, and providing for damages for land used for road construction, and providing board of appraisers on condemned land, and providing further for making this law cumulative of the general road laws, and in case of conflict this Act to govern as to Denton County, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 61—House Amendment Concurred in.

Senator Buchanan of Scurry called up for consideration of the House amendment to:

S. B. No. 61, amending Article 7305 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911.

The following House amendment was laid before the Senate and read:

(1) Amend Senate Bill No. 61

by eliminating Ector County from said bill.

The Senate concurred in the amendment by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	King.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Hopkins.	Westbrook.
Johnson of Hall.	Woodward.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent.

Bee.	Henderson.
Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	Page.
Gibson.	Parr.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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House Bill No. 80.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Mercer Gap Common School District No. 7 in Comanche County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Woodward, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 80 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.

Absent.

Caldwell.	McCollum.
Decherd.	Page.
Henderson.	Parr.
Hudspeth.	

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Woodward, was passed finally.

House Bill No. 82.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 13 of the Comanche County road law, regarding the compensation of the commissioners of said county, and to place the commissioners of said county on a salary, repealing all conflicting laws, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Woodward, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 82 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Smith.
Dean.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Clark.	McCollum.
Decherd.	Page.
Henderson.	Parr.
Hudspeth.	Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Woodward, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Smith.
Dean.	Strickland.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Clark.	McCollum.
Decherd.	Page.
Henderson.	Parr.
Hudspeth.	Robbins.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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House Bill No. 79.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 79, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining the boundary line of the Briar Grove Common School District No. 12, in Comanche County, Texas, and creating said school district according to such lines."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read second time and, on motion of Senator Woodward, passed to its third reading.

(President Pro Tem. Suiter in the chair.)

House Bill No. 96.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 96, A bill to be entitled "An Act adding to and making a part of the Saspamco Independent School District of Bexar County certain lands and territory adjoining thereto, situated in Bexar County, for school purposes; giving the board of trustees of said district power and

jurisdiction over said lands and territories, and the inhabitants thereof; exempting such added territory from the bonded indebtedness of the Sas-pamco School District now existing against said district; validating the incorporation proceedings of said independent school district, and its bonded indebtedness, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Bee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 96 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Buchanan of Scurry.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Henderson.	Parr.
Hudspeth.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Bee, was passed finally.

House Bill No. 26.

Senator Lattimore called up from the table and the Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 207 of the Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, pages 474 to 485, published laws of said session, regulating the operation of motor vehicles on the public highways in this State, and approved by the Gov-

ernor April 9, 1917, by adding thereto, after Section 44, Sections 45 and 46, providing in substance that all violations of the said Act for which specific penalties are not herein provided shall constitute a misdemeanor, and fixing the punishment therefor; and further, giving peace officers the right to arrest without warrant for offenses against said Act committed in their view or within their presence, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

Senator Dean offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend the bill by striking out the words and figures "seven (7), eight (8)," in proposed Section 45, and insert in lieu thereof "eight (8)."

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Lattimore, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 26 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bailey.	Johnston of Harris.
Bee.	King.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Page.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Suiter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.
Johnson of Hall.	

Absent.

Clark.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	McNealus.
Harley.	Parr.
Henderson.	Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Lattimore, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Bailey.	Dean.
Bee.	Decherd.
Buchanan of Bell.	Floyd.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Gibson.
Caldwell.	Harley.
Dayton.	Hopkins.

Johnson of Hall.	Robbins.
Johnston of Harris.	Smith.
King.	Strickland.
Lattimore.	Suiter.
McNealus.	Westbrook.
Page.	Woodward.

Absent.

Clark.	McCollum.
Henderson.	Parr.
Hudspeth.	

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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Senator Lattimore moved to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 26 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to accept the benefits of an Act passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled for the promotion of vocational education; designating the State Treasurer as custodian for the reception and disbursement of all funds allotted to this State from the appropriations made by the Federal Act; designating and authorizing the State Board of Education to act in co-operation with the Federal Board for Vocational Education in the administration of the provisions of said Act; making an appropriation of \$62,150.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the scholastic year 1917-18, and an appropriation of \$91,105.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the scholastic year 1918-19; providing compensation for appropriations by local boards or by the State in its educational budgets for the purposes of this Act; naming the conditions under which aid may be extended, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the Asa Walker County Line School District No. 15, in Collin, Grayson

and Fannin Counties, Texas, to hold an election for the purpose of determining whether the bonds of said district shall be issued for building purposes, and declaring an emergency."

Concurs in Senate amendment to House Bill No. 17 by the following vote: Yeas, 95; nays, 1.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 8.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of \$1,500.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to cover the expense of printing and publishing Senate Joint Resolution No. 12, submitted by the Thirty-fourth Legislature in Regular Session, and the expense of printing and distributing the proclamation of the Governor calling said election, and the expense of postage and express used in connection therewith, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Caldwell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 8 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Smith.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Hopkins.	Westbrook.
Hudspeth.	Woodward.

Absent.

Bailey.	McCollum.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Henderson.	

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Caldwell, was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	King.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Harley.	Suiter.
Henderson.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.
Hudspeth.	

Absent.

Bailey.	McCollum.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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Bills Signed.

The Chair (President Pro Tem. Suiter) gave notice of signing and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

H. B. No. 92, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 6a of Chapter 82 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, being Senate Bill No. 433, being an Act to amend Sections 6 and 6a of an Act to reorganize the Twenty-eight Judicial District of the State of Texas, fixing the terms of court in the criminal and civil district courts for the Counties of Nueces, Kleberg, Willacy and Cameron so as to correct a conflict of the terms of the district courts in Willacy and Cameron Counties, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 89, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of House bill No. 525, enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at the Regular Session, creating the Nixon Independent School District, revising the metes and bounds of said district."

H. B. No. 37, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Austin, for public purposes only, certain

land lying between the Colorado river and outlets 1 and 11 in Division 2 in the city of Austin, upon certain terms and conditions, and reserving to the State certain rights therein; providing for the forfeiture of said land to the State of Texas if used for other purposes than public purposes, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 85, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 52 of the General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, so as to provide for holding four terms of court in Taylor County, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 91, A bill to be entitled "An Act enlarging and establishing the Cleveland Independent School District, Cleveland, Liberty County, Texas; defining its boundaries; providing for a board of trustees to manage and control the public schools within said district; investing said district with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of an independent school district; providing the assumption and refunding by the Cleveland Independent School District, Cleveland, Liberty County, Texas, herein defined and established of all indebtedness, bonded and otherwise, of the Cleveland Independent School District, Cleveland, Liberty County, Texas, heretofore created and existing, validating such indebtedness and repealing any and all laws insofar as they conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 59, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Fort Stockton Independent School District at Fort Stockton, in Pecos County, Texas."

H. B. No. 51, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 60, General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at its regular Session, etc., the changes being in substance corrective in their nature, except that Section 25 added thereto provides in substance that any person desiring to use or administer hog cholera virus or tuberculin or anthrax vaccine must first procure a permit from the Live Stock Sanitary Commission and make reports thereof to the Commission; creating offenses for violations of this section and prescribing the punishment therefor, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Asa Walker County line common School District

No. 15, in Collin, Grayson and Fannin Counties, Texas, to vote bonds etc."

House Bill No. 46.

(Pending.)

The Chair laid before the Senate as special order and on second reading:

H. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the salaries of certain officers of the State Government, etc."

Action recurred upon the pending amendment by Senator Dayton, and the same was withdrawn.

Senator Dayton offered the following amendment which was read and adopted:

(1) Amend House Bill No. 46 by striking out page 2, section 2, "The Commissioner of Agriculture shall receive three thousand dollars per year," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The Commissioner of Agriculture shall receive an annual salary of three thousand six hundred dollars."

DAYTON.

The bill was read second time and, on motion of Senator Hudspeth, was passed to its third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—16.

Bailey.	Johnston of Harris
Bee.	King.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Harley.	Parr.
Henderson.	Strickland.
Hudspeth.	Woodward.

Nays—9.

Buchanan of Bell.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Dean.	Suiter.
Floyd.	Westbrook.
Gibson.	

Absent.

Decherd.	Robbins.
Hopkins.	Smith.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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On motion of Senator Hudspeth, the constitutional rule requiring bills

to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 46 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Nays—3.

Floyd.	Suiter.
Johnson of Hall.	

Absent.

Smith.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Hudspeth, was passed finally.

(Senator Dean in the Chair.)

House Bill No. 45.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing compensation for county attorneys in counties having a population of more than 100,000 where there is no district attorney of fees, commissions and perquisites earned by such office, and repealing all laws fixing a maximum compensation allowed such county attorney for services rendered, and repealing all laws requiring such county attorney to pay over any excess fees, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

Senator Lattimore offered the following amendment:

(1) Amend House Bill No. 45, by

striking out in the engrossed rider the words, "Provided that in addition to the above he shall receive ten per cent for the collection of delinquent fees as is now provided by law relating to the collection of delinquent fees by county and district attorneys," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Provided the said county attorney shall not receive any moneys from any source whatsoever in excess of the six thousand dollars above provided for," and by inserting after the figures "1916" in said rider, the following: "As amended by Chapter 121 of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature."

LATTIMORE.

Senator Strickland made the point of order that the bill is not properly before the Senate for the reason that the same has not been printed.

The Chair, Senator Dean, overruled the point of order, holding that the record shows that the committee report which recommended that the bill be not printed was adopted and that it is to be presumed that it was done by the requisite vote.

The amendment was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading by the following vote:

Yeas—17.

Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Henderson.	

Nays—7.

Dean.	Strickland.
Decherd.	Suiter.
Johnson of Hall.	Woodward.
Robbins.	

Absent.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Floyd.	Parr.
Hopkins.	

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice. Hall.

On motion of Senator Lattimore, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was

suspended and House Bill No. 45 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—26.

Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Clark.	McNealus.
Dayton.	Page.
Dean.	Parr.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harley.	Strickland.
Henderson.	Suiter.
Hopkins.	Westbrook.
Johnson of Hall.	Woodward.

Absent.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice. Hall.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Lattimore, was passed finally.

Messages from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House concurs in Senate amendments to House Bill No. 26 by the following vote: Yeas, 95; nays, 0.

Does not concur in the Senate amendments to House Bill No. 46 and requests the appointment of a Free Conference Committee. The following have been appointed on part of the House: Messrs. Johnson, Fly, Miller of Dallas, Carlock and Sallas.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER.

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

H. B. No. 58, A bill to be entitled

"An Act conferring certain powers upon the commissioners courts of the counties of this State, and authorizing said courts, under such regulations as they may prescribe, to appropriate and use any sum or sums of money not exceeding \$1500 per year for canning demonstration agents' work in their respective counties, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,
BOB BARKER.

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Bill Read and Referred.

The Chair (Senator Dean) had referred, after its caption had been read, the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 58, referred to the Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

House Bill No. 46—Free Conference Committee Elected.

Senator Bee made the following written motion:

I move that the Senate grant the request of the House for a Free Conference on House Bill No. 46, and that the following members be elected to serve on said committee:

Page, Caldwell, Hudspeth, Clark and Woodward.

BEE.

The motion was read and adopted, carrying the election of the committee above named.

House Bill No. 86.

Senator Caldwell called up from the table and the Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 86, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 189 of the General Laws passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, 1917, entitled 'An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 119 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, 1911,' relating to official shorthand reporters' compensation in certain counties, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Caldwell, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 86 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Bee.	King.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry	McCollum.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Gibson.	Smith.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Hopkins.	Woodward.
Johnston of Harris	

Absent.

Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Decherd.	Johnson of Hall.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Henderson.	Suiter.

Absent—Excused.

Alderdice.	Hall.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and, on motion of Senator Caldwell, was passed finally.

Bills Signed.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Hobby), gave notice of signing and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

S. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act to appropriate out of the general revenue, not heretofore appropriated, the sum of twenty-seven hundred and forty-nine dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$2,749.87), or so much thereof as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Employees' Liability Act by the Industrial Accident Board in carrying out the provisions of that Act as amended by Senate Bill No. 237, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, such expenses to be for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent

school district, known as "Stratford Independent School District", and to provide for the creation of a board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes, and conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers and providing authority to issue bonds for the purpose of purchasing school sites and constructing, furnishing and equipping school buildings within the same, and to levy a tax therefor, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 35, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners' court of any county in Texas, at any time while a state of war exists between the United States and another nation or nations, to confirm the appointment by the sheriff of said county of any number of deputy sheriffs deemed necessary by the court, and to make provision for compensation of all deputies so confirmed, in all instances where revenues from fees of said sheriff's office are deemed by the court insufficient for such purpose."

S. B. No. 25, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6086, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, Chapter 1, Title 100, entitled "Board of Pardon Advisers."

H. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6174, 6186, 6188, 6196, 6201, 6214, 6215, 6220, 6223, 6224 and 6227, and by adding 6231a, Title 104, Chapters 1 and 2 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, regulating the management, control and financing the penitentiary system of the State of Texas and the working of prisoners therein, and declaring an emergency."

Free Conference Committee—House Bill No. 1.

Austin, Texas, May 15, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate; Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House:

Gentlemen: We your Free Conference Committee appointed on House Bill No. 1, being an Act making appropriations to pay salaries of Judges and for the support of the Judicial Department for two years beginning September 1, 1917 and ending August 31, 1919, recommend the passage and adoption of said House Bill No. 1 with the following amendments:

(1) That the item "furniture and record books, stationery and typewriters", "Supreme Court," be \$1,200.00 for each year.

(2) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item, "salary one stenographer for Court of Criminal Appeals," so that said item shall be \$1200.00 for the year ending August 31, 1918, and \$1200.00 for the year ending August 31st 1919.

(3) That the item "telephone", \$1,200.00 be amended so as to read as follows:

Telephone (2), one for the Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals and the other for the Assistant Attorney General, \$120.00, for the year ending August 31st, 1918 and for the year ending August 31, 1919.

(4) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item "contingent expenses" (Court of Civil Appeals, 1st District), and that said item be \$75.00 for the year ending August 31st, 1918 and \$75.00 for the year ending Aug. 31, 1919.

(5) That the House concur in Senate Amendment to the item, "telephone and ice" (Court of Civil Appeals, 2nd District), so that said item shall be \$100.00 for each of the years provided for in the bill.

(6) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item "contingent expenses," (Court of Civil Appeals, Second District) so that said item shall be \$75.00 for each of the years provided for in the bill.

(7) That there be inserted under the budget "Court of Civil Appeals, 3rd District", after the item "totals", the following:

"Salary Clerk" for the years ending August 31, 1918, \$2500.00, 1919, \$2500.00

"The above salary of the Clerk is fixed in lieu of other compensation allowed by the law during the life of this appropriation; provided that said Clerk shall collect and pay into the treasury of the State all costs to be collected by him, under such laws as now exist, or may be hereafter enacted, under such further rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Comptroller, subject to the approval of the judges of said court; provided, however, that said clerk may appoint one deputy whose compensation shall not exceed one thousand dollars per annum, to be paid to

said deputy, by the clerk out of such costs as are collected by him; the balance of said costs, after payment of said deputy to be paid by said clerk into the State Treasury.

(8) That the House concur in the Senate amendment to the item "contingent expenses" (Court of Civil Appeals, 3rd District) so that said item shall be \$75.00 for each of the years provided for in the bill.

(9) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item "record books and stationery", (Court of Civil Appeals, 4th District), so that said item shall be \$250.00 for each year of the years covered by the bill.

(10) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item "record books and stationery", (Court of Civil Appeals, 7th District) so that said item shall be \$200.00 for each of the years covered by the bill.

(11) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item, "books for library", (Court of Civil Appeals 7th District), so that said item shall be \$500.00 for each year.

(12) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item, "record books and stationery", (Court of Civil Appeals 8th District) so that said item shall be \$500.00 for each year.

(13) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item, "books for library", (Court of Civil Appeals 8th District) so that said item shall be \$200.00 for each year.

(14) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item, "postage and box rent", (Court of Civil Appeals 8th District) so that said item will be \$150.00 for each year.

(15) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item, "postage and box rent", (Court of Civil Appeals 9th District) so that said item will be \$150.00 for each year.

(16) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item "contingent expenses", (Court of Civil Appeals, 9th District) so that said item shall be \$75.00 for each year.

(17) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item "salaries District Attorneys" so that said item shall read, "to pay salaries of 51 District Attorneys, \$25,500.00 for each year.

(18) That the House concur in the Senate amendment to the item, "expenses of District Judges and District Attorneys as allowed by the Act of the Thirty-second Legislature," so that said item shall be \$21,000.00 for each year.

(19) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item "salaries District Judges, Criminal District Courts" so that said item shall be salaries of 9 District Judges of Criminal Courts at \$3000.00 each, \$27,000.00 for each year.

(20) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item "fees, costs, etc., of the District Attorneys," so that said item shall read and be "fees, costs and per diem of 51 District Attorneys \$98,750.00 for each year.

(21) That the House concur in the Senate Amendment to the item "to pay special judges" so that said item shall read and be "to pay special judges \$6000.00 for each year.

(22) That there be inserted in the bill the item in the Senate amendment, to wit: "To pay expenses of three members of the committee of judges from Courts of Civil Appeals sitting from time to time with the Supreme Court, \$4000.00 for each year."

(23) That the recapitulation be stricken from the bill.

Respectfully submitted,
MILLER,
COX,
MARTIN,
MONDAY,
DODD,

On behalf of the House.

HUDSPETH,
HOPKINS,
DEAN,
CALDWELL,
WESTBROOK,

On behalf of the Senate.

The foregoing report was laid before the Senate, and on motion of Senator Westbrook the same was adopted.

Adjournment.

At 5:54 o'clock p. m., on motion of Senator McNealus, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

APPENDIX.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills have had Senate Bill No. 76 carefully compared, and find the same to be correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Vice Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 33 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

WESTBROOK, Vice Chairman.

Committee Reports.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Mercer Gap Common School District No. 7, in Comanche County, Texas, containing territory in Comanche County heretofore embraced in Mercer Gap Common School District No. 7, and a portion of that territory heretofore embraced in Blanket Independent School District, placing said Common School District No. 7 under the jurisdiction of Comanche County, providing for the election of a board of trustees therefor, vesting said district and board of trustees with all the rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed by general law upon common school districts and boards of trustees thereof, organized under the General Laws of Texas; providing that the board of trustees of Mercer Gap Common School District of Comanche County as now organized, shall act as said common school district board until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified in accordance with law; providing that the enactment of this law shall not invalidate any outstanding indebtedness of either the Mercer Gap Common School District No. 7 or Blan-

ket Independent School District; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 89, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of House Bill No. 525, enacted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature at the Regular Session, creating the Nixon Independent School District; revising the metes and bounds of said district,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 82, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 13 of the Comanche County road law, regarding the compensation of the commissioners of said county, and to place the commissioners of said county on a salary; repealing all conflicting laws, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

CALDWELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 17, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make certain emergency appropriations out of the general revenue for the several institutions and

departments of the government for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be not printed, with the following committee amendments, to wit:

Amendment No. 1. Amend the bill by striking out the following item in Section 1:

"To supply deficiency to be expended during the balance of the fiscal year, ending August 31, 1917, for first second and third class, printing and binding, and for printing papers of the first, second and third class public printing, the sum of \$6,000.00."

Amendment No. 2. Amend the bill by striking out the following items in Section 1:

"Proportionate increase in the amount which may be expended by the State Insurance Commission in any one year, as per Acts of Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, the same being the proportionate part of thirty thousand dollars for the period beginning June 20, 1917, and ending August 31, 1917, \$5,753.43. Said appropriation to be applied to the following items: To pay increase in salaries, two appointive members of State Insurance Commission \$427.76; for postage and box rent \$500.00; for telegraph, telephone and express \$500.00; for stationery and printing \$4,325.67."

Respectfully submitted,
HUDSPETH, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 79, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining the boundary lines of Briar Grove Common School District No. 12, in Comanche County, Texas, and creating said Comanche school district according to such lines."

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 76, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower the Asa Walker County Line Common School District No. 15, in Collin, Grayson and Fannin Counties, Texas, etc., to vote bonds and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Lattimore, Gibson, Buchanan of Scurry, Floyd, Bailey, Johnson, Smith, Decherd.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 8, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation of fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to cover the expense of printing and publishing Senate Joint Resolution No. 12, submitted by the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Regular Session, and the expense of printing and distributing the proclamation of the Governor calling said election, and the expense of postage and express used in connection therewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Hudspeth, Chairman; Caldwell, King, Westbrook, Parr, Decherd, Dean, Johnston of Harris, Bee, Clark.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 96, A bill to be entitled "An Act adding to and making a part of the Sasparamco Independent

School District of Bexar County, certain lands and territory adjoining thereto situate in Bexar County, for school purposes; giving the board of trustees of said district power and jurisdiction over said lands and territories, and the inhabitants thereof; exempting such added territory from the bonded indebtedness of the Sas-pamco School District now existing against said district; validating the incorporating proceedings of said independent school district, and its bonded indebtedness, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

BEE, Chairman.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber.

Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: We, your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 45, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing compensation for county attorneys in counties having a population of more than one hundred thousand where there is no district attorney of all fees, commissions and perquisites earned by such office, and repealing all laws fixing a maximum compensation allowed such county attorney for services rendered and repealing all laws requiring such county attorney to pay over any excess fees, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Bailey, Lattimore, Dean, Bee, King, Harley.

Enrolling Committee Reports.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 76 and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day at 4:45 o'clock p. m. presented

same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 53 and find it correctly enrolled and have this day at 11:05 o'clock a. m. presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate:

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 39 and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day at 11:05 o'clock a. m. presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

By Hudspeth.

S. B. No. 39.

An Act making appropriations for deficiencies in appropriation made for the support of the Texas School for the Blind for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same are hereby appropriated out of any money in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay deficiencies arising in the appropriation for the Texas School for the Blind for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1917;

For stamps, stationery, copy books, telephone rent, telephoning and telegraphing, \$150.00.

To replace in the appropriation for maintenance the amount of salary paid out during the current fiscal year to the high first grade teacher, 6 ½ months, \$487.50.

To replace in the appropriation for maintenance the amount of salary paid out during the current fiscal year to the office assistant and stenographer, 7 months, \$280.00.

For salary of high first grade teacher, 2½ months, \$187.50.

For salary of office assistant and stenographer, 5 months, \$200.00.

Sec. 2. The fact that the appropriation for the items herein above appropriated for has been exhausted creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring that the constitutional rule providing that bills shall be read on three several days be suspended, and the same is so suspended, and that this Act be in full force and effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 16, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate Bill No. 23 and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day at 11:05 o'clock a. m. presented same to the Governor for his approval.

SMITH, Chairman.

By Bee, Lattimore, S. B. No. 23
Clark, McNealus,
Hudspeth.

An Act to provide a home for lepers, and to provide for the isolation, care and treatment of persons suffering with leprosy, and to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. The Governor of Texas shall, as soon as practical after the taking effect of this bill, appoint a commission to consist of the State Health Officer and two other citizens of the State of Texas, for the purpose of selecting a site for the erection of an institution to be known as the State Home for Lepers. Such commission shall report within thirty days to the Governor their selection, which selection shall consist of not less than one hundred acres of land, which said site shall not be less than two miles from any town or city within this State and not less than one mile distant from any residence; said site shall upon selection by the commission as aforesaid be purchased for the State and shall cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. The Land Commissioner is hereby authorized, upon request of the board, to award to the

State any school land for the location of this home they may select, at the price fixed upon it by the Land Office; provided nothing herein shall be construed as repealing any law now in force except as herein provided. Said members of said commission shall each be paid five dollars per day and necessary expenses for the time actually consumed in the service required by this section of this law.

Sec. 2. As soon as practicable after the selection and purchase of such site, the said commission shall designate the exact location on the ground, and the character and plans for all necessary buildings, including a home for the superintendent of such home for lepers, and an administration building. The inmates' buildings to be on the cottage plan, and shall have plans and specifications made therefor and shall advertise for thirty days in at least one newspaper of general circulation in this State and one newspaper published in the county where such home is to be located, for bids for the erection of such buildings, and shall award the contract to the lowest and best bidder, provided the total amount of said bid for all buildings shall not exceed one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars; and the said commission shall also purchase all necessary furniture and equipment for said building, not to exceed in cost fifteen thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. All payments of money required under the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2 of this Act shall be made by warrant on the State Treasury, drawn by the State Comptroller, based on vouchers signed by the commission provided for in Section 1, and approved by the Governor.

Sec. 4. Any person within this State found to be suffering with the disease of leprosy shall be isolated and removed to said State Home for Lepers upon certificate of the county health officer of the county where such leper may be and of the State Health Officer to the effect that such person is so suffering.

Upon the certificate of said Health Officer and county health officer, as herein provided for, the county judge of the county where such leper may be shall issue his warrant commanding the sheriff of such county to seize such leper and convey him to the Home for Lepers as herein provided.

All necessary expenses for conveying such leper to the Home for Lepers shall be paid for by the county wherein said leper may be found.

Such person after having been conveyed to the Home for Lepers, as herein provided for, shall be confined therein and cared for and treated at the expense of this State during life, unless sooner discharged on account of being cured. Provided, however, that any person found suffering from leprosy within this State, who shall not have been a resident of this State for a period of one year, shall be returned to the State from whence he came, and the expense of such return shall be paid by the county in which such leper is found.

Sec. 5. As soon as such Home for Lepers is completed and ready for occupancy, and every four years thereafter, the Governor shall appoint a superintendent for the State Home for Lepers, who shall be a graduate of a reputable school of medicine, who shall be authorized to practice medicine within this State, and he shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars per annum; said superintendent shall hold office for four years after his appointment and until his successor qualifies, which superintendent shall employ such nurses, assistants and servants as shall be necessary, and shall pay for same such salaries as may be fixed by such superintendent and approved by the Governor; provided that said superintendent shall live at said State Home for Lepers and be in active management and control of said Home subject to the limitations of this Act, and shall not engage in private practice.

Sec. 6. All payments of money necessary under the provisions of Section 5 of this Act shall be made by warrant on the State Treasury drawn by the Comptroller based upon vouchers signed by the superintendent of the Home for Lepers and approved by the Governor.

Sec. 7. Any person within this State who shall knowingly harbor or conceal any leper shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars and not more than five hundred dollars for every day of such concealment.

Sec. 8. There is hereby appropriated from the general revenue of this State the sum of twenty-five thousand

dollars or as much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect this Act, and to purchase such site and erect and equip such building as herein provided for, and for the maintenance of such institution for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1918, and August 31, 1919.

Sec. 9. All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

Sec. 10. The fact that there is now a number of cases of leprosy within this State, and that same for all time has been considered to be a pestilential and loathsome disease, and the further fact (that) there now exists no means for isolating and caring for persons suffering with the disease of leprosy, create an emergency and an imperative public necessity requiring that the constitutional requirement that a bill be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and the same is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Thursday, May 17, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m. pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

By unanimous consent the Chair announced that the Senate would stand at ease for 15 minutes, at the expiration of which time the roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Bee.	King.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Dean.	Parr.
Decherd.	Robbins.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hall.	Strickland.
Harley.	Sulter.
Hopkins.	Westbrook.
Johnson of Hall.	Woodward.
Johnston of Harris	

Absent.

Clark.	Henderson.
Dayton.	Hudspeth.
Gibson.	Page.